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ESPECIALLY IN METAL SHEETS OR PLASTIC PARTS OF  
AUTOMOBILE BODIES  
ART UNIT : To Be Assigned  
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- /DB/ **DE 6 23 911 C – No English Abstract available.**
- /DB/ **DE 196 40 835 A1 – Abstract provided. Also published as US 5,937,486 (A1).**
- /DB/ **DE 699 06 329 T2 – Abstract provided. Also published as US 6,562,477 (B1)**
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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